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In re application of

Roy HANSSON

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Serial No. 10/022,373

GROUP 3761

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ABSORBENT ARTICLE WITH
BELT PORTIONS HAVING INDICIA

DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.131

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Lisbeth EGERÖD, declare that:

1. I am a patent attorney employed at the offices of Valea AB (formerly Göteborgs Patentbyrå Dahls AB)
2. Prior to September 13, 2000, our firm received instructions from SCA Hygiene Products AB to assess the patentability of, and - in the case of a positive assessment - to draft a new patent application for the

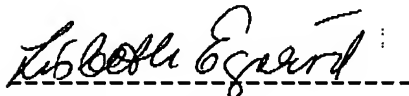
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subject-matter of the above identified invention.
This is evidenced by Exhibit A.

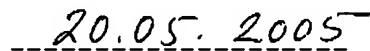
3. Due to general workload and discussions around the project, the priority-founding applications (SE-0004759-7 and US 60/256,482) were filed on December 21 2000.

4. Each of the dates deleted from the accompanying Exhibit A is prior to September 13, 2000

The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein of her own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under §1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.



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EXHIBIT A

Date 00-09-07

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EXHIBIT

A.

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Kortfattade uppgifter om denna ansökan:

Sökande:

SCA Hygiene Products AB

Uppfinnare:

Roy Hansson
Ålegårdsgatan 112
431 50 Mölndal

Handläggare på SCA:s patentavdelning:

Roy Hansson

Handläggare hos Göteborgs Patentbyrå Dahls:

Suzanne Westberg

SCA:s referensnummer:

P-10337

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SCA HYGIENE PRODUCTS AB

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"Ögonmättet"

Ingivningsdag:

1/12-2000

Kostnadsram:

Om kostnaden för den färdiga patentansökan förväntas uppgå till mer än kr exkl moms skall kontakt tas med mig i god tid för att diskutera det fortsatta arbetet i ärendet.

Fortsatt handläggning av ärendet:

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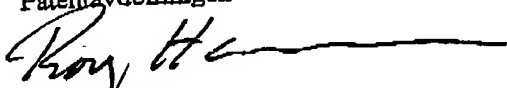
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Uppfinningsanmälan

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SCA HYGIENE PRODUCTS AB
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Roy Hansson

**TRANSLATION OF EXHIBIT A - ORDER LETTER FROM SCA HYGEINE
PRODUCTS AB TO GÖTEBORGS PATENTBYRÅ DAHLS**

**Order to assess the patentability and upon positive
assessment, to draft a new patent application**

We request you to examine the enclosed invention idea, and to draft a proposal for a new Swedish patent application if a positive novelty assessment results. We enclose a description of the invention and details of the inventor.

On the same day as the Swedish application is filed, we request that you also file a US Provisional Patent Application in accordance with our standing instructions. We therefore wish that you translate the Swedish application into English in parallel with drafting it.

Brief details of this application

Applicant:

SCA Hygiene Products AB

Inventor:

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Case responsible in SCA's patent department:

Roy Hansson

Case responsible at Göteborgs Patentbyrå Dahls:

Suzanne Westberg

SCA's reference number:

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Costs for the application shall be debited to:

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Attachments etc:


Invention report

Yours sincerely

SCA HYGIENE PRODUCTS AB
Patent Department

Roy Hansson

I, Edward FARRINGTON, am competent in the Swedish and English languages. I have translated the enclosed Exhibit A from Swedish to English. I hereby declare that - to the best of my knowledge and understanding - it is a correct and true translation of this Exhibit.



Edward FARRINGTON

19 / MAY 2005 .

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Roy HANSSON, declare that:

1. I am the inventor of claims 5-8 of the above-identified patent application and inventor of the subject matter described and claimed therein.
2. Prior to September 13, 2000, I had completed my invention as described and claimed in the subject application in Sweden, a WTO country, as evidenced by the following:

a. Prior to September 13, 2000, I

- i. considered the problems involved in obtaining correct positioning of belt-type absorbent articles on a wearer;
- ii. realised that users and caregivers most commonly see such articles only from the front of the user;
- iii. provided a solution in which correct positioning of such articles on the back of the user can be guaranteed when the article can only be seen from the front;
- iv. described this solution with text and figures

b. Prior to September 13, 2000, I

- i. registered the subject-matter of the above-identified patent application in the IDEUM database as internal Idea Number 1144
- ii. received assessment of the invention from IDEUM
- iii. transferred the invention to Göteborgs Patentbyrå Dahls for assessment of patentability and - in the case of a positive assessment - drafting of patent application.

as evidenced by

- A. Extract from IDEUM database internal Idea Number 1144
- B. Receipt from IDEUM

C. Order letter from SCA Hygiene AB to
Göteborgs Patentbyrå Dahls

c. Each of the dates deleted from the accompanying
Exhibits A-C is prior to September 13, 2000.

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EXHIBIT A

Idea form

SCA Hygiene Products AB

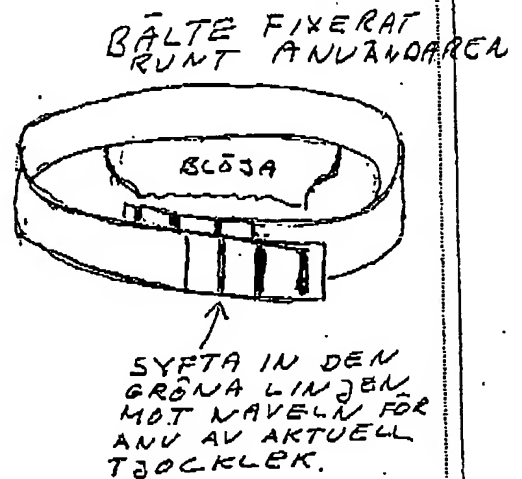


Inventors name ROY HANSSON	Department/Consultant PAT	Date 991109
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Name of the idea: **ÖGONMÅTTET**

Problem / opportunity: **RÄTT PLACERA BÄLTESPRODUKT**

Sketch



Description: **NÄR BÄLTET ÄR FIXERAT RUNT MIDJAN PÅ EN ANVÄNDARE AV EN BÄLTESPRODUKT SÄ ÄR DET SVÅRT ATT VETA HURUVIDA DEN ABSORBERANDE BLÖJDELEN SITTE SYMETRISKT PLACERA PÅ RYGGEN AV ANVÄNDAREN SÅ ATT SLUTPOSITIONERING AV BLÖJDELEN BLIR OPTIMAL MITT PÅ ANVÄNDARENS RYGG**

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SYMMETRISKA

FÖRSLAG: INFÖR FÄRBMARKERINGAR PÅ
VÄNSTER RESP HÖGER BÄLTESHALVA SÅ ATT
MAN FRÄMIFRÅN KAN AVLÄSA ATT BLÖJDELEN
ÄR RÄTT PLACERAD BAKTILL. (TEX SYMMETRI KRINGNAVELEN)
MARKERINGARNA BEHÖVER GIVETVIS INTE UTFÖRAS
AV TRÅKIGA STRECK SOM VISAS I SKISSEN UTAN
KAN TEX UTFÖRAS AV SYMMETRISKT PLACERADE
LÄMPLIGA FIGURER ELLER TEXT (SMÅ HÄSTAR,
ELEFANTER, ELLER ANSIKTEN AV GAMLA
KUNGAR KANSKE BLIR BRA)

DENNA IDE KLÄCKTES I PROJ STAR-FISH,
OCH UTVÄRDERAS I DETTA PROJEKT.

According to the inventor the invention belongs to category:

☐ A

Category A:

The invention has been developed in connection with the employment and therefore belongs to the employer

☐ B

Category B:

The invention falls within the field of activities of the employer, but has not been developed in connection with the employment

☒ C

Category C:

The invention does not fall within the field of activities of the employer

TRANSLATION OF EXHIBIT A - EXTRACT FROM IDEUM DATABASE
INTERNAL IDEA NUMBER 1144

Idea Form
SCA Hygiene Products AB

Inventor's Name: ROY HANSSON
Department/Consultant: PAT
Date: 991109

Name of the idea: MEASUREMENT BY EYE
Problem/opportunity: CORRECTLY PLACED BELT PRODUCT

Sketch:

DIFFERENT COLOURS FOR USERS
WITH DIFFERENT WAIST
MEASUREMENTS

BELT FIXED AROUND THE USER
DIAPER

LEVEL THE GREEN LINE AGAINST
THE NAVEL FOR USER OF THE
PRESENT SIZE


Description: WHEN THE BELT IS FIXED AROUND THE WAIST OF A USER OF A BELT-PRODUCT, IT IS DIFFICULT TO KNOW WHETHER THE ABSORBENT DIAPER PORTION IS SITTING SYMMETRICALLY PLACED ON THE BACK OF THE USER SO THAT FINAL POSITIONING OF THE DIAPER PORTION IS OPTIMAL ON THE USER'S BACK.

(TURN)

SUGGESTION: INTRODUCE SYMMETRIC COLOR MARKINGS ON THE LEFT AND RIGHT BELT HALVES SO THAT, FROM THE FRONT, ONE CAN READ OFF THAT THE DIAPER PORTION IS CORRECTLY PLACED AT THE REAR (E.G. SYMMETRY ABOUT THE NAVEL). OF COURSE, THE MARKINGS DO NOT NEED TO COMPRISE THE TEDIOUS LINES WHICH ARE SHOWN IN THE FIGURES, BUT MAY ALSO COMPRISE E.G. SYMETRICALLY PLACED SUITABLE FIGURES OR TEXT (SMALL HORSES, ELEPHANTS OR FACES OF OLD KINGS MIGHT BE GOOD).

THIS IDEA WAS HIT UPON IN PROJECT "STAR FISH" AND IS EVALUATED WITHIN THIS PROJECT.

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EXHIBIT B



Name Roy Hansson
 Department 47 SE
 Idea no & name: 1144 Ögonmättet

Dear Roy Hansson

Thank you for your contribution!
 Ideum has evaluated your idea and it has been given the grade 2 on the
 reward scale. This rewards in a gift from Ideum.

Ideum has been formed to take care of ideas concerning our products seen from a
 technical and material view. Our reward system is based on the following:

Strength	-Function	How well is the problem solved
	-Idea	How innovative
	-Communication	Communicable to customer
Weakness	-Apparent difficulties E.g. process, patent, communication to solve disadvantages	
Bonus	-Correction of points	

Rewards

1-2 points=gift / 3 points=400 SEK / 4 points=800 SEK / 5- points=1600 SEK

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If you have any questions: please contact us at Ideum.

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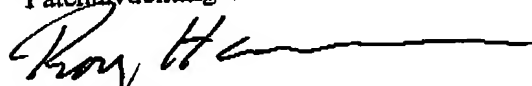
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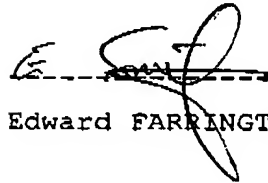
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